



RACISTS OPPOSED



SOLIDARITY WITH ANARCHISTS IN IRAN



CNT-AIT: SOLIDARITY WITH STRIKERS IN SPAIN

BLACK STAR

FUCK OFF RACISTS!



NO EXCUSES, NO COMPROMISE

The solidarity of May has sadly given way to the intolerance of June with racist riots breaking out across the North after the events in Ballymena when two migrant children were arrested and charged with an alleged sexual assault. As with the reactionary response to the Southport killings last year, this had fuck all to do with any attacks or victims, it was the result of fascist-inspired memes and tropes calculated to spread lies, fear and ignorance. This shite has increased fivefold since the pandemic and operates on both sides of the border amongst flag-shaggers, white supremacists, Xenophobes and Christian fundamentalists. Its pernicious influence is global but in the English-speaking world is anchored firmly in the US where it has capitalised successfully on decades of de-industrialisation, the rise of neo-liberalism, fundamentalist religion and ever-increasing poverty and deprivation. The scenes in Ballymena, Larne, Portadown, Coleraine and other places will be seen by some as evidence of nothing other than what in our hateful wee sectarian society is usually described as 'them uns', but we know this could just as easily have been Newry, Omagh, Coalisland or Dungiven. It is no mistake that this occurred in communities at the sharp end of austerity with a recent history of rising unemployment, poor educational attainment...

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(continued from front page) and opportunity, and general hopelessness.

Into that environment came a host of racist influencers whose sole purpose has been to convince those communities that all of these issues and problems are the fault not of the state and capital, but your migrant neighbours. Not that this is new, of course, because these wankers have been merely reviving now well-worn tactics across their online outrage machines for a while and they know it gets results in the absence of not only a counter-narrative, but more importantly, any serious attempt to actually tackle the systemic issues they're exploiting.

What clearly went on in the targeting of individual migrant groups was an organised attempt to actually kill, maim and ultimately expel workers, many of them employed in health and social care, as well as the so-called hospitality sector (fuckin' irony of ironies!). It's equally clear that much of that was done through Facebook messaging and other social media accounts replicating a process which took place last summer. We can be thankful that similar attempts by racists in Beechmount were leaked and that anti-racists turning out on the streets scared that particular shower off. However on the 23rd June a Tricolour flying anti-immigrant rally was held in Newry with the same talking points and concerns about 'illegals' and the 'safety of our women and children'.

Meanwhile, Trump's ICE agents in the US have been using the poster on the far right (appropriately), designed initially by an American white supremacist who goes by the name of 'Mr. Robert' on X, who can scarcely believe his luck. That formalised state sanction of assaults on migrants hasn't quite come yet, but we know that

the divide between fascism and the state is only a veneer at best. The PSNI were basically ordered to stand hands in pockets as racists rampaged through our streets. There's also Starmer's recent statement about Britain becoming an 'island of strangers' or Mícheál Martin's shite about Ireland's asylum seekers really just being economic migrants.

Meanwhile here in North, as mentioned, we get the classic sectarianisation of the issue, with the Irish nationalists claiming for their nationalism a more welcoming culture than their British nationalist partners in government. Tell that to those in direct provision hostels who faced tricolour-waving patriots trying to intimidate, batter and incinerate them. It's the fuckin' 'locals' that are problem, not the immigrants. No-one needs to probe too far to get both unionist and nationalist to unite around the same slogans and ideas about 'controlled migration' and assimilation. Let's face it, their entire political cultures have been based around the forced integration of the other side to their wee narrow sectarian political vision and states for decades.

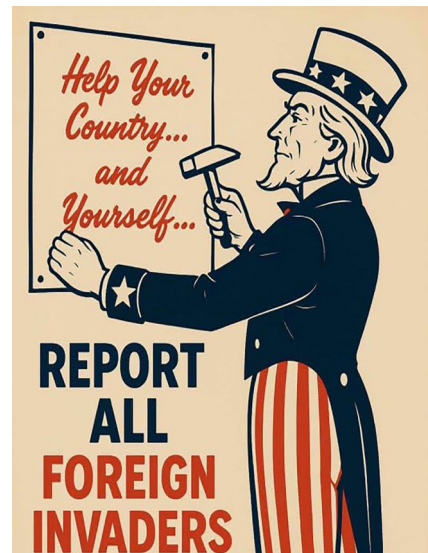
At least some communities in America are fighting back. Whilst some here are trying to burn out the migrants, others in Los Angeles are trying to burn out Trump's stormtroopers. Not to admit that there isn't a bit of the usual craic at stoning the cops here, it's just the context that matters. However, the wider discussion around strategy and tactics is an important one, if occasionally depressing.

Let's begin by saying we're only interested in how working class communities and workplaces tackle racist ideologies. As we said above, the state is a partner in the process of othering migrants, especially migrant workers, and can't be a vehicle for any progressive change or resistance to racism. Calls for the 'government' to do this or do that are a waste of fuckin' time and energy, as well as being counter-productive. Neither will the political parties with their soundbites and sloganising make a blind bit of difference. No doubt we'll see a series of rallies before the end of the month where the usual chants and outrage will stand in for actual action against racists. Not that we're arguing for squadism, the macho-conspiratorial pick them off and fuck them up stuff of self-

appointed anti-fascist poseurs. Working class communities need to be empowered to take direct action against fascists themselves and whilst there is a place for both mass demonstrations of solidarity with beleaguered migrant communities and anti-racist direct action against those behind the attacks and those in support of them, there also needs to be a full frontal assault on the system that fuels division and perpetuates ignorance and fear. It is capitalism that takes away your jobs and homes and chances, that destroys your healthcare and environment, it isn't a teenage Romanian migrant.

Moreover, the idea that borders can be controlled is a political fiction sold to the gullible by those that know it isn't possible. Even the most inaccessible places on earth have been colonised by human beings and no mountains, sea crossings or machine-gun-toting border guards can stop people never mind the nationalist lines on a map. We are all the products of migration and it won't end with us, as war, environmental collapse and disaster capitalism combine to drive population movements across the world. The idea that stupid little 'national' governments can control or prevent that is fucking laughable.

The state, as we know, is essentially one big protection racket where people are forced to pay taxes in return for the mirage of support. As with gangsters, it works on the basis that they have a monopoly on violence and if you don't comply with that system, you will face the consequences. Many of us know the supposed threats are created in fact by the gangsters as an excuse to extort us financially. The state works in the same way, it constantly tells us through its politicians and a compliant media, that we collectively face a series of threats - usually these days consisting mainly of Russia and migrants, and that these are responsible for all our ills, as well as most of our rising costs. People need to see and reject that nonsense. Migrants can't be controlled and neither can we.



MISOGYNY AND THE FAR RIGHT

Racists used the lie that they were ‘protecting women and girls’ to mobilise nights of vicious attacks on migrants in Ballymena and across the north. The endemic violence against women and girls needs to be confronted and challenged. With thousands of complaints of sexual violence and domestic assaults and abuse each year (many times more are unreported), and the murder of 25 women here in the last five years, we need to ask what is going wrong in a society in which attacks on women and girls are so prevalent?

Is it possible that the violence meted out against women is related to the violence directed at migrants?

Last August we witnessed a racist rampage through the Botanic area of Belfast that saw ‘foreign’ businesses attacked. In the South in recent years the far right have outnumbered anti-racist counter-demonstrators time and time again. Migrant hostels and suspected hostels have been torched and people have been attacked in the streets. North, South and across the world many of those involved in the far right and claiming to defend women against unvetted immigrants have histories of violence and sexual offences against women themselves. So what is going on when scum like this pretend they want to ‘protect’ women and girls?

There have been no attempts to burn out the all too numerous violent and sexual abusers when they are ‘local’. When we say local we realise that Conor McGregor, Jeffrey Donaldson and their



ilk don’t live in the same poor and under-resourced working class areas where the far right manipulate young men and children into violence against migrants. But many who have or do attack women or girls do.

The cry that has gone up about defending women is at its heart not simply a manipulation though. It is deeply misogynistic in and of itself. The concern is not about women and girls but that ‘our’ women and girls are being sexually assaulted by foreigners! It is based on a tribal or racialised sense of ownership over ‘our’ women and girls that does not value us as human beings but as ‘things’ which belong to one group rather than another. The issue is not the attacks themselves but the attacker.

Is there any other way to explain this?

NO WAR BUT THE CLASS WAR



On Friday 13th, Israel carried out an attack on Iran, which it claimed was to prevent Iran’s ability to build a nuclear weapon. That’s even though Israel developed nuclear weapons long ago, although they would rather not admit it.

Both sides have continued to trade fire in the days since Israel’s initial attack, with no sign of a peace agreement being reached. While Iran do not currently have a nuclear weapon, a senior US official has told CNN that they are about as close as you can get before building one. However,

Iran have repeatedly made claims that their nuclear programme is entirely peaceful, including pointing to Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei’s edict against nuclear weapons. Hans M Kristensen of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute stated “we see a clear trend of growing nuclear arsenals, sharpened nuclear rhetoric and the abandonment of arms control agreements.” This means it is entirely plausible that this current round of aggression from Israel could see Iran committing to building such a weapon in the belief that it will ensure their survival.

Despite Israel’s claims, however, the Guardian have reported that “many of their targets are unrelated to the nuclear programme, and some even to Iran’s military.” Due to the fact that much of Iran’s nuclear programming is conducted in underground facilities, there seems to be a consensus that Israel is unable to be effective against Iran without US assistance. While US President Donald Trump had warned Iran of serious retaliation should the US be attacked in any way, reports emerged on 18 June that he was considering intervening on

the side of Israel to ‘end’ the conflict. This is a move that would only serve to escalate matters, and cause further destabilization in the region. In fact, there appears to have been clarification of this fact with Russia’s foreign ministry claiming US involvement would be an “extremely dangerous step.”

From mid-April until Israel’s initial strike on Friday 13 June, Iran had been in talks with the US to reach a nuclear peace agreement. The best possible outcome to this situation would have been a return to these talks before any further escalation should occur. However the recent announcements from Trump and Netanyahu that Tehran’s 17 million inhabitants evacuate was followed by US bombings of nuclear facilities in Iran at Fordo, Natanz and Isfahan leaving little room for hope.

Many who have suffered under and resisted the repressive Iranian regime have warned western anti-war activists against falling into support for the Iranian regime. As the genocide against the population of Gaza continues we must oppose war and the escalation of war without siding with the warmongers who will use the escalating conflict to increase the authoritarianism of their already oppressive regimes.

STORMONT COMBATTING POVERTY?



So 'our' racist whistleblower up at Stormont also recently announced 'consultations' for the first (!) anti-poverty strategy for Northern Ireland. With a straight face (well as straight as he can manage) he has told us 'tackling poverty is a key priority as part of my focus on improving lives and transforming communities'.

Now let's set aside just how his more recent comments fit with improving lives and transforming communities. He has claimed this draft anti-poverty strategy is 'designed to tackle the root causes of poverty as well as delivering a range of interventions to effectively support those experiencing poverty and to provide pathways out of poverty'. Lets just ponder that for a moment. Despite this being the first time Northern Ireland will have an anti-poverty strategy this is emptier than promises to end child poverty in the UK in 2020. Anyone remember the Millenium Development Goals?

Global and more local leaders promised us - for the first ten or fifteen years of the century - that extreme poverty and global hunger would be halved by now. That across the UK poverty, including child poverty, would be halved by 2030. The closer the targets got the less they became actual targets. In 2015 they were replaced by the much weaker Sustainable

Development Goals. Weaker but they still were never going to be implemented.

Sustainable Development Goal 1.2 still claims that our global governments aim to reduce "at least by half the proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions" by 2030. In the UK the 2020 goal of ending child poverty shifted to addressing the "root causes" of poverty, such as unemployment and family breakdown, and monitoring child poverty based on broader indicators rather than just income. Apart from the language sounding incredibly like that of Gordon Lyons and this draft, these are symptoms not root causes!

Why were they replaced? Well because these were great sounding promises at the time that fobbed off Trade Unions, soft leftists and bleeding heart liberals alike while neoliberalism continued on its mission of wealth distribution to the top all across the globe. Just the sort of people Stormont want to get behind this charade.

Of course Stormont can't take on a neoliberal world order all on its own. Here's Lyons again, "Poverty is not a problem the Executive can solve in isolation. It will require government,

public bodies, voluntary and community organisations, communities, families and individuals all working together to make a meaningful and lasting change to our society."

Let's pretend to forget him leaning into racist riots and setting a mob on migrants who were in emergency shelter in Larne leisure centre. Let's call it unfortunate that we could now believe that the community action he endorses is the type that has people very fucking close to rock bottom kicking down at those at the bottom. Let's pretend it hasn't crossed our minds that perhaps, just like far right racists everywhere, Lyons sees (or pretends to see) immigrants as one of the principle causes of poverty. Because even if none of that were true this 'policy', like Millenium/Sustainable Development Goals won't do one fucking thing to alleviate poverty.

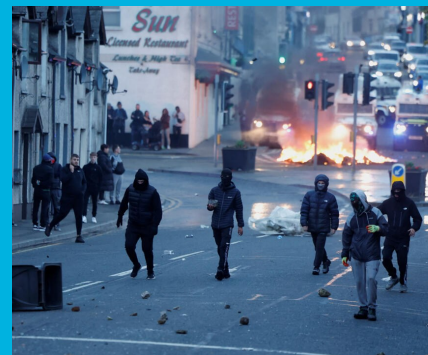
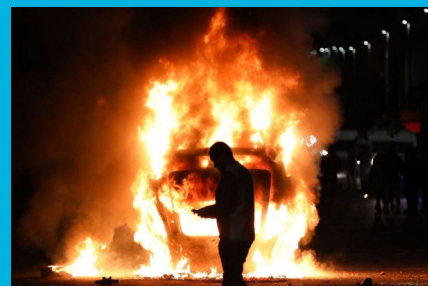
No government policy enacted by Stormont has gone outside of the neoliberal box - right back when it was on its first feet Trimble declared there was 'no alternative' economically - no 'outside of the box'. It's a self fulfilling neoliberal notion that every party* on the hill has abided by.

Child poverty in the wee North has reached 24% and many charities and other organisations predict it will increase as the government finish rolling out Universal Credit, attack PIP and prices continue to rise. The last few decades have seen neoliberalism accomplish exactly what it set out to. A massive redistribution of wealth to the already wealthy. More and more millionaires are becoming billionaires as starvation and hunger increase globally, assets are stripped from public services, obscene profits are made out of war and colonial expansion.

This anti-poverty policy is and will remain a farce. We can't end poverty without ending capitalism.

*There is however one party that isn't happy with neoliberal capitalism - PBP. Perhaps we will all breathe a sigh of relief when they squeeze a few quid to deal with those west Belfast potholes out of this strategy. Undoubtedly the lasting change we all crave.

Meanwhile... in Ballymena

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Fuckin' fuck the fuckin' fuckers and every fuckin' stupid, brain-deid fucker who went along with the fuckin' wankers, I nearly kicked my telly and some of my neighbours tae fuck. I wish I knew, understood, or could explain what the fuck happened here in Ballymena recently. A Serbian mucker might say something like 'Pošizeću!' I'm fucked if I know what a 'local' is either, most people have come here within a generation from somewhere else but the fact that folk were putting up Ulster flegs shows how afraid many 'locals' were of being targeted by other 'locals' attacking any hoose they didnae like the look of!

The cunts don't deserve context, but this town has seen a decade and more of economic decline since big employers like Gallaher's and Michelin fucked off, while the number of addicts living here increased and paramilitaries continue to leech onto working class communities. You don't need to be a social scientist to see that something as fuckin' reactionary as this was ripe for exploitation by the right.

CNT-AIT: In Defence of the Metal and Shipbuilding Strike in Spain.



On the morning of the 4th of June the most powerful strike action in years was taken by workers in Cantabria's metal and shipbuilding industries. Workers from in the auxiliary industry of Navantia Cádiz (the company who under the name Navantia Belfast recently acquired Harland and Wolff) decided, as CNT-AIT SOV de Albacete reports, "with every right in the world and regardless of who might be upset, to stage a 'first action' of protest in response to the strike call for June 18 and 19. They halted their work for about two hours and gathered in front of the shipyard's management building."

Headlines in the bourgeois media obviously condemned the strike action and focused on police charges, barricades and the throwing of objects by the strikers. These actions were condemned because they were successful. The strike saw barricades going up, bonfires lit at different facilities related to shipbuilding in Cantabria in Spain - strikers successfully shut down a number of large and small businesses.

Several strikers have reportedly been arrested and many had been threatened with dismissal if action due to take place on the 18th and 19th of June went ahead. They were not intimidated and over the last couple of days the strike has been joined by 27,000 metalworkers in Cádiz, while strike action is now

underway at Navantia shipyards in Cartagena, Spain's largest military-industrial enterprise.

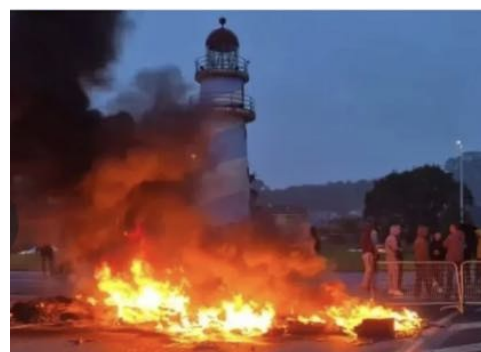
The mainstream media ignored the threat from Navantia that the Carnival Liberty must be completed and ready to sail on June 16, before the official start of the strike. This is the threat that provoked the pre-emptive strike by workers.

The CNT AIT union of Cádiz and the CNT AIT of Chiclana are fully in support of the strike and have been mobilising in support - particularly where they have members in the industries that are taking action.

Strike action has been solid with 90 to 95% of workers out. Workers are

refusing to "dance to the bosses tune". The roots of the strike go beyond the employers' latest attempt to impose a below-inflation wage deal and claw back existing gains such as vacation pay improvements and night shift bonuses. It is also a response to the betrayal of the 2022 metalworkers' strike by the union apparatus. Workers are currently demanding a modest 3.5 percent wage increase, already far below the real rise in living costs - yet even this limited demand, set by the unions themselves, has been rejected by the employers.

After 2022 workers will also be wary of dancing to the tune set by the CCOO, UGT and USO unions. In this - as in their current struggle - they will have the full support of the CNT-AIT. Further the CNT-AIT Cadiz and Chiclana stand firm with the strikers against repression calling for solidarity, collective resistance, and rejection of all attempts at criminalising of workers who organise for dignity and justice at work.



RELEASE THE STRIKERS!



At least 12 strikers have been arrested and detained during the strike in Cadiz. Organise! IWA support the demands of the CNT-AIT for the immediate release without charge of all of those arrested. Class solidarity is our best weapon!

SUDANESE ANARCHISTS

A campaign to help anarchist comrades in Sudan get hold of a printing press to produce and distribute anarchist materials and provide work in the war-torn country has raised over twenty grand in just four days.

The Black Rose/Rosa Negra Anarchist Federation people in the US have had close links with the militants of the Sudan Anarchist Federation (SAF) since about 2022. They've been involved in supporting people in Sudan, as have our fellow International Workers' Association comrades in the CNT-France, and they are now, in response to a SAF appeal, able to provide the militants in Africa with a commercial printing press that will be run as a workers' co-operative. The idea and hope is that it will both provide a livelihood for its members and a mechanism for the production of educational and political materials, though we know that such places can also be an important hub for wider solidarity and mutual aid projects.



The appeal has raised over \$20,000, though it was originally estimated that \$15,000 would be needed to get the equipment. Anything above that will go towards organisational expenses such as helping displaced comrades travel home, purchase medical supplies for some of the clinics they are working at and wider supplies and aid in the refugee camps. Some 13 million people, 8 million within Sudan, have been displaced by the war which began in April 2023. Several comrades have been killed, most recently Sarah to the genocidal Rapid Support Forces in their war against the equally brutal military dictatorship in Sudan.

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Banned by the BBC for 20 years after its release in 1965 this film is still "too important to ignore - too powerful to dismiss"

This acclaimed and controversial film by Peter Watkins presents the absolute horror of nuclear war in simulated newsreel footage so realistic, you may feel the pain of those on screen. Fire-storms, asphyxiation, flash-burns, over-burdened hospitals leaving victims to die in pain, street executions under martial law, total social collapse, all filmed in a typical English suburb. Originally planned to be a simple documentary on nuclear warfare made for BBC-TV, the film was banned from television (officially because of its graphic depictions of suffering, but most likely for its anti-authoritarian stance and defiance of the official line).

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Just Books Publishing, set up by the Just Books Collective, has so far published its first two titles.



The first is a reprint of Gregori Maximoff's *Constructive Anarchism*, to mark the 100th year of existence of the International Workers Association (IWA) the Anarcho-Syndicalist

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Get Involved: Help Build A Working Class Alternative.



Organise! is an anarcho-syndicalist group in Ireland which is affiliated to the International Worker's Association as 'friends of' section. We take inspiration from the self directed struggles of working-class people, and particularly the history and tradition of struggle epitomised by the IWA - the anarcho-syndicalist international. Our history goes back to the original formation of Organise! by the Ballymena and Antrim Anarchist Groups in 1985. We are a small, but growing, group of ordinary working class people who are fed up with being fucked about by the profit system, fed up with seeing our communities and workplaces torn apart by racism, patriarchy, nationalism and sectarianism, and sick of a greedy few getting rich off everyone else's backs.

We are actively working to promote solidarity in opposition to capitalism, the state, patriarchy and all other forms of oppression and hierarchy. The way we organise reflects the free society we want to create: one based on voluntary association, democratic participation and self-management.

Our members are workers, claimants, students, migrants, unemployed and other working-class people committed to building a libertarian communist union movement actively opposed to all forms of oppression and exploitation.

We want to improve everyday conditions for ourselves and other working class people, but we also struggle for the revolutionary transformation that can create a free and equal society, one based on mutual aid and co-operation. Sound crazy? Maybe it does, but in an era in which it is easier to imagine the end of the world than the end of capitalism the continuation of the present system is even crazier...

The current system isn't working – ill-health, stress and overwork



affect more and more people while others are flung on the dole; for increasing amounts of workers it is precarity, zero hours contracts and the stress of being unable to plan or budget our lives; we live in a world of plentiful resources yet millions starve; some people make vast fortunes just because they own companies, land, property or natural resources, but those of us who create the wealth, work the land and build the properties are left struggling to survive; politicians tell us there's no money – not for wages, benefits or local amenities, but there's always plenty for war; both locally and globally the gap between the richest and the poorest sections of society has never been so great; instead of a war on poverty they've got a war on 'benefit fraud', while the same system that creates war, poverty and environmental destruction stigmatises, imprisons and deports the resultant refugees.

We don't think these things are inevitable or coincidental, we think they are related to capitalism – an economic system defined by wage slavery and the accumulation of profit out of other people's work. So we support all workers against their bosses in demanding higher wages and better conditions. We try to intervene practically to support workers engaged in disputes and are also active in our own workplaces and communities. Not only against exploitation but against the multiple oppressions faced by members of the working class in all our diversity.

But it's not just a question of trying to struggle by in a world of exploitation and oppression; we look to a future where workers control production and society in their own interests. And unlike some people who claim to oppose capitalism, we don't want to be a new set of leaders and we refuse to be led by anyone else. We advocate direct democracy in the workplace and through the commune in our communities – working in federation to ensure that the needs of all are met and that no-one is ever again in a position to oppress or exploit another human being.

If you are interested in these ideas, we'd encourage you to explore our website and consider getting involved.

We currently have members in Belfast, Cork, Derry, Dublin, Lisburn, Monaghan, Newry, Newtownabbey and Portadown and are building the organisation on the basis of active involvement and participation. We have a new Local in Formation in South Ulster. We aren't interested in meaningless 'paper' membership so you can't join by filling in an online form and bunging us a few quid. Every member is an active member.

To talk to us about joining get the ball rolling, check out our website at <https://organiseanarchistsireland.com> and send an email to: organiseasi@gmail.com

